

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 4, with the following amended paragraph.

By way of example, the priority threshold may be set to the priority level of feature traffic, so that the only proposed connections deemed to have a "high" priority level are those associated with feature traffic or progress traffic. Alternatively, the priority threshold may be a function of the amount of already-allocated ATM network resources. If the priority level of the request is below the priority threshold, the resource manager 270 proceeds to STEP 322, otherwise the resource manager 270 proceeds to STEP 324.